

The Hampden-Sydney Tiger

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“The Hampden-Sydney student will behave as a gentleman at all times and in all places.”

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BAR ASSOCIATION HOSTS CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

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Perhaps one of the most important events for any student even remotely interested in law is the Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Conference. This Conference, typically lasting three days in the fall semester, not only allows alumni to come back to Hampden-Sydney to receive their continuing education in the law but also enables students to meet with these alumni to get their perspective on the law. In what might be accurately described as a networking frenzy, bright-eyed collegiate men gather around some of the most esteemed law alumni of Hampden-Sydney, earnestly seeking any accolades, advice, or aid they have to offer.

This year, the Office of Alumni and Parent Engagement held the Conference from the fifteenth of September to the seventeenth of September, and its proceedings, all of

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which were and are open to all students interested in law, were truly a sight to behold. The Conference began with a two-hour-long opening reception held in the President's Box overlooking Fulton Field with over eighty people attending that reception. This reception was directly followed by a pre-law advising session held in the Wilson Center. The next day, students and alumni alike flocked to Gilmer 019 to hear presentations on law, the heart of the conference's continuing legal education. That night, the Alumni

Association held a reception for both students and alumni, culminating with dinner and a speech by our own Dr. Christopher McMilion, Assistant Professor of Government and Foreign Affairs. A tailgate marked the end of the Conference with President Stimpert inviting those present back to the President's Box to send off the Conference in spectacular fashion. This type of event is not only unique to Hampden-Sydney College due to the College's nationally ranked alumni network, but it also is unique because of the Hampden-Sydney

Bar Association. This is the only bar association operated by a college in the United States, and it is largely due to the dedication of its members and their love for Hampden-Sydney that the CLE Conference has had no shortage of participants. Lest one starts to think that alumni only come back to Hampden-Sydney to complete their continuing education and are truly ambivalent to the students here, Assistant Director Linda Cheyne notes that lawyers annually “come a day early

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ALEXANDER HAMILTON SOCIETY HOSTS NATIONAL EXPERT ON TRANSNATIONAL CRIME



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At 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 15th, Hampden-Sydney Alexander Hamilton Society Chapter President Michael Daum sat across from Dr. Ryan Berg in the Chairman's Room of the Pannill Commons. Dr. Berg is the Director for the Americas at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and has a long resume filled with names such as the University of

Oxford. The Hampden-Sydney chapter of the Alexander Hamilton Society invited Dr. Berg to speak to a room of eager national security students, specifically on the topic of the Illicit Economy and Trans-National Crime. Dr. Berg focused on Mexico and South American criminal organizations. After Daum had introduced him to the room, Dr. Berg took the podium and introduced the concept of Trans-National

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FLOATING TO MARS: UNITY ALLIANCE HOSTS 2022 RAFT DEBATE

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This September saw the return of the Raft Debate, hosted by the Unity Alliance, to the grounds of Hampden-Sydney. Upperclassmen may remember the raft debates of bygone years, wherein four faculty square off to convince a sampling of the student body to take them and their discipline onto the ‘raft’, which typically represented the remains of human civilization after a cataclysm of some kind. This year, the Unity Alliance switched things up, with the hypothetical raft being cast aside for a spaceship to Mars. The intellectual combatants in this field were: Dr. Andrea Kikkert, Visiting Assistant Professor of Modern Language for the humanities; Professor Bryan Tims, Visiting Instructor of Biology advocating for STEM; Sue Carter, Director of Human Resources and Professor of Sociology at Longwood University advocating for the social sciences; and finally,

Dr. Anthony Carilli, Professor of Economics and Business served as the devil's advocate for the debate, arguing not for Economics or Business, but for none of the debaters to be offered a spot in the spaceship. Once the speakers were introduced, the debate began. Each speaker was given a few minutes to make their points and were allowed to use props and visual aids to further enhance their arguments.

Dr. Kikkert began the debate on behalf of the humanities, talking about broad and deep concepts such as the understanding of the heart and mind, human imagination, perseverance, and resilience, all of which would certainly have their uses on a hypothetical journey to Mars. Dr. Kikkert implored the group to choose the humanities “For the love of humanity”.

Immediately following Dr. Kikkert was Professor Tims, who appeared before the audience and voyagers in a white lab coat crack-

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SFB RELEASES CLUB ALLOCATIONS

Organization	Budget Request	Allocation
CAC	\$110,000	\$60,000
Student Senate	\$16,000	\$8,000
Club Lacrosse	\$3,500	\$1,800
Young Life	\$5,000	\$2,500
Music Club (MPPC)	\$8,000	\$3,000
Pitmasters	\$21,504.87	\$13,000
Chemistry Club	\$1,650	\$900
Whoosh Arts	\$10,000	\$0.00
Phi Alpha Delta	\$1,000	\$250
TAC	\$12,250	\$8,000
The Tiger	\$4,000	\$4,000
Rotaract Club	\$2,900	\$0.00
Makers' Collective	\$5,430	\$3,000
AHS	\$3,400	\$3,000
Madisonians	\$3,300	\$250
Airsoft Club	\$5,000	\$3,500
Tiger Radio	\$3,000	\$700
Fly Fishing Club	\$34,000	\$10,000
IFC	\$5,900	\$0.00
Cycling Club	\$1,100	\$700
Unity Alliance	\$22,000	\$10,000
College Republicans	\$3,000	\$0.00
MSU	\$17,496	\$14,500
Pre-Law Society	\$700	\$0.00
H-SC Mentors	\$3,500	\$3,000
Cornhole Club	\$6,000	\$2,500
Philosophy Club	\$12,600	\$3,000
CCM	\$5,000	\$2,500
Fungi Club	\$4,000	\$2,000
Animation Society	\$900	\$900
Chinese Club	\$800	\$400
Spanish Club	\$3,500	\$500
Computing Club	\$3,680	\$1,500
Clay Target Club	\$8,000	\$4,000
Reenactment	\$2,750	\$1,700
Animal Rescue	\$6,000	\$3,000
Brazilian Jiu Jitsu	\$4,830	\$0.00
Outsiders	\$9,303	\$0.00
UPLS	\$3,850	\$3,000
Cogito	\$6,000	\$4,500
Golf Passes	\$20,000	\$10,000
Winter Ball	\$40,000	\$20,000
Residence Life	\$3,000	\$0.00

To the left, you will see the Student Finance Board club allocation budget approved by the Student Senate. The table shows how much each club/organization requested and how much they received. Club Allocations took place Sept. 13-15.

Important Factors SFB Looks at During Allocations:

- **History:** spending, leadership, item misplacement
- **Allocation presentation:** itemized list of planned spending, future events
- **Image/Mission:** how it represents H-SC on and off campus
- **Interest:** underclassmen interest, designated survivor, ambition

Total Requested Funds:
\$443,843.87

Total Available Funds:
\$211,260.00

Deficit (Avail-Req):
-\$232,583.87

Average Club Request:
\$9,288.87

Average Club Allocation:
\$4,380.49

THE PEANUT GALLERY

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES: A CASE FOR ABORTION

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Every right contains a claim on someone else’s behavior. Thus, our rights come from corresponding duties on others’ parts: I only have a right to some property if others have a duty not to use it without my permission. Our duties, however, vary depending on the situation. Although we usually have a duty not to harm others, we are free to do so when defending ourselves. We typically recognize that someone who undertakes to violate others’ rights forfeits his own. Thus, rights come with responsibilities, and rights do not exist without those corresponding responsibilities. Of course, fetuses are not like criminals, who have undertaken to violate the rights of others (assuming they are justly convicted)—rather, fetuses are beings to whom the language of rights and responsibilities does not apply. I believe this criterion applies to fetuses but does not apply to babies or coma patients, although this point is both difficult and nonessential to my overall argument. Human beings, however young, have the ability to

act, i.e., bring about their will upon the world, from which responsibilities follow regardless of their understanding of those responsibilities. Coma patients, on the other hand, continue to have both rights and responsibilities, for even someone who has already died can have both—the purpose of one’s last will is usually to provide for one’s children and discharge one’s debts.

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Does this mean that fetuses are morally irrelevant? No. There are other beings to whom we have moral obligations even though we would not claim that they can have responsibilities to us—animals. Concepts that we can use with human beings, such as “murder” or “sovereignty,” make little sense when applied to animals, but we nevertheless feel that it is wrong for someone who kills or harms animals either for no reason or because that person enjoys the act of hurting or killing. At the same time, the standard for a reason to kill an animal is lower than for a human: we usually

accept that extreme suffering is a sufficient reason to kill an animal, but we would not simply “put down” another person. Consider euthanasia: for humans, it is extremely controversial, and even when used it is typically only in situations where either someone has chosen for himself or is no longer capable of making a choice. We would not consider animals, in contrast, to have a choice to make for themselves.

Consider situations in which very strong arguments for abortion can be made. For example, we usually think that abortion is permissible if the fetus has severe genetic conditions or if the mother was raped even if we would find it intuitively wrong to abort for no reason. The language of rights would imply that such circumstances should not be relevant. After all, an innocent person has a right not to be killed regardless of whether he has a genetic condition or was the product of rape. In these situations, we consider the suffering and harm because fetuses are not persons even though we still find them morally relevant.

CHRISTIAN’S CORNER SUFFERING: AN ANSWER

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My brothers and sisters of Hampden-Sydney College, Fall break is already upon us. To fully enjoy the time off, diligently work to finish any school matters. Then, you should rest. Resting over the break will setup a successful second half of the semester. Rest is so important that even God took a day off after creating the world. But, why does God permit tiredness to exist, and why would a good God allow us to suffer from a lack of rest? As a short reminder, the Christian Corner this semester is concerned with the seemingly unfair lives we live and how God fits into this unfairness. The last article took a dive into the book of Job to witness the ultimate suffering of a good man. Not only did God permit the devil to test Job, but also God left Job alone while he suffered. Near the end of the story, God responds to Job in a whirlwind: “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the Earth. Tell me, if you have understanding” (Job 38:4).” God practically dodges the “why me” question and instead asserts His all-knowing perspective. Perspective and suffering go hand-in-

hand. To one man, running five miles is suffering. To another man, running five miles is a joy. Missing a meal or sleeping on the floor may be suffering to someone while to someone else this lifestyle is luxury. Thus, it appears a human problem arises when we focus on a specific perspective or frame. Along with the story of Job, God gives us plenty of examples in the Bible when humans focus on a narrow perspective. In Exodus, the Israelites become hyper focused on their survival in the wilderness. Moses, with the help of God, has led the Israelites out of captivity and split the Red Sea. Despite the miracles, the Israelites can only think about their present situation. They feel their tummies rumble and their mouths a bit parched, and they conclude that God has suddenly abandoned them: “And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness” (Exodus 16:2). Similarly, a story found in the gospel of John talks about a time when Mary and Martha were narrowly focused on one event. They were both grieving over the loss of their brother Lazarus; and in grief, they doubted the power of Jesus: “Lord, by this time there will

be an odor for he has been dead four days” (John 11:39). In both stories, the people involved have forsaken the bigger picture. Someone with a wider perspective could have easily argued, “Why would God go through the trouble of leading us out of Egypt just to die in the wilderness?” Or in Mary and Martha’s case, they could have reasoned, “If this man Jesus can heal the blind and lame could he not also raise Lazarus?” Both groups of people could have saved a lot of sweat and tears if they had put their trust in God and His perspective. Of course, Israel made it to the promise land, Lazarus was risen from the dead, and Job was given back everything he lost. But, the ending of the story is irrelevant because everything does not always have the good ending we want. In short, perhaps trusting in a bigger perspective, a godly perspective, can minimize a lot of suffering despite the outcome of a situation. Now, the question becomes, “How do I trust God?” Stick around for the next Christian Corner and we will take a crack at it. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, then please feel free to reach me via mintonj25@hsc.edu. May God bless you!

TIGER TALES

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Max ran, casting an apprehensive glance over his shoulder at the two thuggish policemen following close on his heels. His long, unkempt black hair whipped out behind him. His clothes flapped against his scrawny frame, so dirty that even Max no longer remembered what color they had originally been. Bruises coated his pale skin like splotches of paint, and a jagged scar stood out on the back of his leg. But he couldn’t let the policemen catch him. He knew they wouldn’t—no, couldn’t—resist the chance to make him pay for his contrived crimes. And so he ran, blood roaring in his ears like a tidal wave, his heart racing like a

marathon runner in the final stretch. As much as Max tried to focus on his escape, he couldn’t help but take in his dilapidated surroundings. The city, once shining and beautiful, had collapsed into disrepair when the government had become corrupt. Those days, it lay in ruins. Some buildings had crumbled completely, with others in various degrees of decay. The entire area was shrouded in black smog, blocking almost any trace of sunlight, and the air smelled of gunpowder mixed with blood. Max could make out at least three distant plumes of smoke. He hoped they signaled cooking fires and not the aftermath of punitive government raids. It was those raids that had driven Max

to infiltrate the city, as he had so many times before. He, along with a group of several others, had been aiming for years to spite the government by providing its constituents the aid and supplies they had so long been denied. They had known for



some time that their good deeds had put them on the police force’s radar, but they had refused to let it dissuade them from doing what was right. They had evaded the law for months,

but their luck finally ran out that day. Max made a hairpin turn onto a side street, with the policemen still close on his heels. Their ragged breaths tickled the hair on the back of his neck, and every so often one would try to reach out and grab

him. The gap between them closed with each passing minute, and Max’s arrest seemed more and more inevitable. Max felt his energy ebbing, and he knew that he had to find somewhere to

hide and catch his breath if he wanted the strength to make it out of the city. He sprinted around the next corner and ducked behind the rusty shell of a car, hoping for a moment of respite. He curled into a ball, trying to make himself as small as possible. He heard the policemen’s heavy footsteps moving toward his hiding spot, and then abruptly ceasing. Max knew they must be searching for him, but he felt sure they hadn’t seen him hide. Any minute, they would move on, and he would be home free. But it wasn’t to be. Suddenly, the weight of the broken car above Max vanished. Still curled in a fetal position, Max rolled a few inches and bumped up against something else solid. He looked up in fear to

see the two policemen standing above him, having pushed the wrecked car aside. They gazed down at their prey, eyes alight with murderous glee. One of them lunged for Max, and he dodged, jumped up and hit the ground running. The chase was on once more. Max knew he had only one chance left to survive: he had to get to the Junkyard. It was his home, the headquarters of his movement, and the only place he would feel safe. But first, he needed to shake the policemen. He couldn’t let them discover the rebel base. What could he do? As he rounded another corner, he realized he couldn’t do anything. He had no way to defend himself. Well, there was one thing.

LIFE

RAFT DEBATE, CONT'D

ing jokes with props. Immediately following these jokes and brief distraction from the scenario of the rest of humanity being wiped out, Professor Tims wasted no time getting into the practicality that seemed to represent the STEM field for the rest of the debate. “Everyone speaks English, so we don’t need another language,” Dr. Tims listed his points on outstretched fingers as the crowd laughed. “And art is subjective.” Next on the chopping block was Sue Carter’s sociology, once again making a slightly comedic claim by saying “Any discipline that puts science in its name, is probably not a real science.”

Finally, the tone shifted as Professor Tims shifted to the need for the STEM fields on

Mars. He appealed to the basic necessities of the crowd, such as water, food, shelter, and so on. The crowd needs someone with the knowledge of how to solve problems, according to Professor Tims, and he was just the man to both pass that knowledge on and serve as a guide in his life. Finally, again turning to comedy, Professor Tims said that the crowd could use science to make drugs and alcohol if things didn’t work out, numbing the existential dread of dying alone on a cold rock in the middle of space.

Following Professor Tims was Sue Carter, who mentioned before beginning that she is the only staff member in the history of HSC to participate in the Raft Debate, which returned a

healthy cheer from the crowd. In Ms. Carters’s argument, sociology leads to and indeed is democracy. It is the study of the past to make a better society, something which could certainly be beneficial if the only members of the society were those within the raft debate lecture hall. Ms. Carter also emphasized her interdisciplinary experience. According to her, “Sociologists are never just sociologists.” Their field of study requires study of other disciplines, and provides a jack-of-all-trades, master-of-one set of skills.

Lastly, Dr. Carilli spoke for the devil’s advocacy position, which relied on his study of economics to fully prove his point. Pro-

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HAMPDEN-SYDNEY INDUCTS
2022 HALL OF FAME CLASS

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STAFF WRITER

It’s possible that there was no better time for the Tigers to explode as they did during their victory against Greensboro College on September 17th. Heading into the matchup, the Tigers were winless through two games, including a thrilling heartbreaker loss on the road to Wabash in the Gentlemen’s Classic and a narrow loss to Widener in our home opener a week prior. All of a sudden, the Tigers were scrambling to pull it together with the annual Hall of Fame ceremony right around the corner.

Cometh the hour, cometh the man. Juniors Melik Frost and Andrew Puccinelli, with the latter stepping in for injured fifth-year QB Tanner Bernard, tore the Greensboro defense to shreds on route to a 70-28 home victory. Frost averaged 10 yards a carry as he rushed for 211 yards and four touchdowns, as well as snagging three balls for 59 yards and a touch-



down through the air. His 211 yards on the ground ranked sixth all-time for single-game efforts in the College’s history. Puccinelli looked sharp as he threw for 305 yards and 4 touchdowns with an impressive 84% completion percentage. It was a great day for the Tigers on both sides of the ball, as they stifled the opposing Greensboro Pride on their way to the team’s largest margin of victory since 2014.

At halftime, the College recognized five new members of the school’s Athletic Hall of Fame as part of the 35th Class to be inducted into the Hall. All-American Trevor Ikwild ‘11, who was set to be inducted in 2021’s class but was unable to attend, was recognized for his accolades during his time spent with the football team. Scott Goodman ‘82

was inducted in regards to his success with the tennis team, where he was the champion of five ODAC singles and doubles tournaments. Doug Palmer ‘99 represented the lacrosse team with his induction, which shone a light on a storied career featuring two All-American selections. The most recent graduate of the class was All-American football player Ben Rogers ‘12. An honorary induction was made for Cannon Watson, who has been the Voice of the Tigers for 28 years with the college. A special congratulations to everyone recognized at the ceremony!

To learn more about the Athletic Hall of Fame, you can visit the lower levels of Kirk Athletic Center and read about the history of the College’s many athletic programs.

H-SC SLUDGE REPORT

From the Laptop of the Typist to the Secondary Curate
Pro-Tempore of Sludge. (Jeffrey Hunsaker ‘23)

Irish Residential Association disappointed that budget request to “buy used cars” lower than requested

Queen dies, Princess Diana emerges from Cushing attic

STEM department sneaks back into Gilmer, seeks \$30,000,000 refund

H-SC Student Senate still in debt to CSA

Freshmen complain of mold in dorms: Upper-classmen glad some traditions still going

SFB budget deficit due to Senate House Furniture, Committee says

As winter approaches, President Stimpert braces for Jack Frost memes

As weather grows cold, students turn to Tiger for warmth...

Embezzlement club swears budget will be used responsibly

Dr. Pemberton announces departure from Hampden-Sydney: School to maintain visitation rights with Wilson Center on weekends.

Rhetoric Department passes pre-k English requirement

Suspicious number of Chi Phi Brothers to study abroad in Colombia

THREE-POINTERS FROM MR. SHOTWELL

CARTER SHOTWELL
GUEST WRITER-COUNSELOR

Tigers, is your focus fading? Having trouble paying attention to your classes or your work? Try these tips to keep your attention where you want it.

Turn off notifications. Just hearing your phone ding is enough to derail your concentration, even if you don’t pick it up. While you’re working, turn off notifications on your phone or computer.

Practice mind control. Every day, try paying deep attention to one thing

for five minutes at a time. For example, eat an apple and try to notice every little thing about it: the many colors on the peel, the pieces getting smaller as you chew, the little drop of juice on your thumb as you hold it. When you start thinking about something else, acknowledge that, and bring your attention back to the apple. Practicing this will make it easier to keep your mind on task during class and work.

Restrain yourself. If you resolve to put away distractions but you don’t follow through, get some

outside help. Install a productivity app on your phone or computer that blocks other apps for a certain amount of time. Consider Forest: Focus for Productivity. You tell your phone how long you’ll be working, and if you do it, you grow a cute little tree to collect in a forest. If you check another app, you kill your seedling :(

Mr. Shotwell works in the Office of Academic Success. If your scholastic game is off, he can help you get on track. Email cshotwell@hsc.edu to book an appointment.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY:
Caravaggio Born, 1571

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On September 29th, 1571, the legendary Italian renaissance painter Caravaggio was born in Milan. Born Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio, he pioneered the use of dramatic lighting in his works and laid the groundwork for the birth of the Baroque movement. Caravaggio depicted the human from in not only a realistic state on the physical level, but also on the emotional level. In his famous depiction of the Biblical scene, David with the Head of Goliath (1610), the decapitated head of Goliath bears a striking resemblance to his artist’s own agonized face. When Caravaggio completed the work, he had



fled Rome recently to escape punishment for the murder of Ranuccio Tommasoni, a Roman gangster and pimp. Pope Paul V sentenced Caravaggio to death by beheading. Although Caravaggio’s patrons had shielded him from a lifetime of reckless decisions, Tommasoni was from a wealthy family and had powerful friends. Caravaggio sought refuge in the southern Italy. While on the lamb, he painted David with the Head of Goliath

to give to the Pope as a plea for clemency. The conflicted expression of David’s face symbolized the Pope’s own hypothetical regret should he carry out Caravaggio’s sentence. The painting was effective. Pope pardoned Caravaggio, and rumor of this pardon made it to him before to the official news. Caravaggio quickly made his way back to Rome. On the way, Caravaggio died suddenly, either of fever or poison from the Tommasoni family (sources differ). Regardless of the cause of death, by the time the Pope’s official emissary arrived, Caravaggio was already dead and buried. The lumbering head of Goliath had finally fallen, and David was left conflicted.

SPORTS

TIGER SPORTS BY

THE NUMBERS

Soccer @ Emory 9/15 — W 5-2

Cross Country @ Bridgewater Invitational 9/17 — Second Overall

Football vs Greensboro 9/17 — W 70-28

Rugby vs Washington & Lee 9/18 — T 17-17

Soccer vs Oglethorpe 9/18 — W 3-2

Golf (B) @ Kinder-Williams Invitational 9/20-9/21 — Seventh Overall

Golf (B) @ Maryville College Invitational 9/20-9/21 — Third Overall

Golf (C) @ Maryville College Invitational 9/20-9/21 — Ninth Overall

Soccer @ Randolph-Macon 9/21 — L 1-2

Cross Country @ Hornet Harrier Invitational 9/24 — Ninth Overall

Soccer vs Averett 9/24 — T 0-0

Golf @ Gate City Invitational 9/20-9/21 — Fifteenth Overall

Soccer vs Christopher-Newport 9/28 — L 0-4

Rugby vs Richmond 9/24 — L 10-19

KICKOFF WITH COMEAU: WEEK 5

GAITHER COMEAU '24

STAFF WRITER

Another week, another set of rankings from the Associated Press for College Football. This past weekend's games gave us some of the biggest upsets that fans have seen so far this season. Some things were shaken up, but the top five stayed the same with Georgia, Alabama, Ohio State, Michigan, and Clemson all maintaining their places. Even after Wake Forest's Quarterback Sam Hartman threw a massive six touchdowns against Clemson, the Tigers managed to hold on and come out on top on the road against the Demon Deacons.

A n o t h - er small storyline that fans saw this past weekend was the little adversity that Georgia faced against an unranked Kent State team that put up 22 points on the former National Champions. The Bulldogs have barely allowed teams to find the endzone at all during the game, let alone multiple times in one game. I don't think that the Bulldogs are going anywhere anytime soon this season, and this game was just one that the Bulldogs expected less than what they

played against. The other three teams in the top five all won their matchups convincingly to keep them where they are in the rankings. Moving into the top ten, the first big upset of the year occurred last weekend when Kansas State knocked off the number sixth ranked Oklahoma Sooners. This put Kansas State at the 25th spot in the rankings and placed Oklahoma all the way down to 18th. This game shocked everyone due to the Sooners looking as if they were finally able to make a deep run with the best of the best due to their new atmosphere that former Clemson defensive coordinator Brent Venables brought with him when he took the head coaching job, but Kansas State proved that they are still dangerous to Oklahoma, winning three of their last four matchups. Oklahoma was not the only team to fall out of the top ten this past weekend. The Arkansas Razorbacks fell ten spots in the rankings from 10th to 20th after their loss to Texas A&M, who was knocked out of the top ten the week before. Arkansas simply was not able to keep up with the amount of

talent on the Aggies roster which proved that A&M still could make a run at the SEC with all of their immense prospects. Other programs such as Tennessee have shown that they are steadily rising in the rankings after breaking into the top ten. The Vols defeated the Florida Gators which snapped a very long streak of the Gators beating the Volunteers. Many Tennessee fans believe that this victory marks a new era and are viewing their future matchups against Kentucky and Georgia with excitement. Perhaps the most bizarre story within the world of CFB revolves around the Kansas Jayhawks. Kansas, known primarily as a basketball school, is undefeated this year in football after being considered as one of the worst teams in the country just last year. However, the Jayhawks are still unranked which has angered many fans who believe they deserve a place within the rankings. All of these games get me excited for whatever these programs have in store this upcoming weekend and I hope that everyone will be able to talk about their team's success in the upcoming days.

RUBINO REPORTS:

NICK RUBINO '25

STAFF WRITER

NEW NORMAL?, WEEK 2

Another week of football has gone by and yet we as viewers see another handful of upsets. It is not too early to ask, is this the new way the NFL is going in the next coming years?

Some of those upsets included:

Dolphins vs. Bills:

The final score of this game was a close 21-19. The Dolphin's defense held the elite offensive talent, Josh Allen, to a seemingly underwhelming performance. The Bill's offense average around 36 PPG but were only able to put up 19 points. Even though it seemed like the Bills dominated for the majority of this game, the end result was a loss (the first of the season). The Dolphins snuck away undefeated and are now division leaders in the AFC East behind the helm of Tua Tagovailoa. Is it too early to say the Dolphins might actually go somewhere this year?

Saints vs. Panthers:

The final score of this game was a hard-fought 14-22. The Panthers finally got their first win of the year because their defense stepped up on Sunday. The Panther's defense forced a total of 3 turnovers. There were 2 interceptions thrown by Jameis Winston and 1 fumble on Alvin Kamara. Although the majority of the Panther's touchdowns were from their defense, the Panther's offense still seems to struggle. Baker Mayfield threw a touchdown and Christian McCaffrey showed a little light for their offense with 108 yards on 25 carries. It is clear the Panthers are not exactly where they want to be as an organization, but regardless of this everyone loves to see the underdog get a good win.

Chiefs vs. Colts:

The final score of this game was 17-20. The Chiefs were handed their first loss of the season by the Colts in a tightly wired game. Matt Ryan led the Colts with two touchdowns, both of them going to Jelani Woods. The more impressive stat from this game is that the Colts led the hot offense of Patrick Mahomes and the Chiefs to only 17 points. This offense has averaged 35.5 points a game up to this point. Do not sleep on the poor man's franchise, better known as the Indianapolis Colts.

Jaguars vs. Chargers:

The final score of this landslide was 38-10. Trevor Lawrence and the young Jaguars offense finally broke through with a dominant win over an impressive Chargers team. The star-studded Trevor Lawrence threw for 262 yards with three touchdowns. James Robinson also showed out for the Jags running for 100 yards with a touchdown on only 17 carries. Even though the Chargers are now 1-2, they still average 24 PPG which should not be overlooked. Not to also mention, the Chargers have also had a tough schedule so far this year. For the Jaguars, maybe it is time for them to finally make a run towards the playoffs in the AFC South. The Jags are now division leaders at 2-1, it is time to start winning when it counts.

A week with this many upsets forces one to think: are these statical outliers OR is this the direction of the NFL within the coming years? Only time will truly tell.

THE BUZZ ABOUT ALBERT PUJOLS

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On Friday, September 23rd, Albert Pujols hit his 699th and 700th career home runs in an 11-0 St. Louis Cardinals victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers. Pujols, who played half of last season with the Dodgers, was honored before the game by the loving embrace he received by the Dodger crowd. Number 699 came in the 3rd inning off Dodgers pitcher Andrew Heaney to make the game 2-0 Cardinals. Pujols crushed this ball way into the cold September night sky and received a standing ovation. In the 4th inning with 2 runners on, Pujols launched number 700 off Dodgers pitcher Phil Bickford. Once he

reached home plate, Pujols raced over behind home plate to embrace former MLB 3rd baseman and friend Adrian Beltre. Pujols then hugged longtime Cardinals Yadier Molina and Adam Wainwright then went on to the rest of his teammates and coaching staff. The crowd gave him another standing ovation and gave the stadium a curtain call. Prior to the season, many fans thought that Albert would not be able to reach 700. He silenced the doubters and went on a second-half tear. In games after the All-Star break, Pujols

holds a slash line of .317/.377/.683 with an OPS of 1.061. He's hit 15 of his 21 total home runs in the second half and has found that power-hitting stroke of years past. Pujols becomes the 4th player in MLB history to hit 700 home runs behind Barry Bonds (762), Hank Aaron (755), and Babe Ruth (714). A guaranteed Hall of Famer, Pujols has 3 MVP awards, 11 All-Star game appearances, 6 silver sluggers and 2 world series rings. He hopes to add ring number 3 in his final season as the St. Louis Cardinals currently have the lead for the NL Central.

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PARKING, CONT'D

my arm. To my shock and horror as I reached my dorm, I had dropped my red sweat-shirt from under my arm and left it in the middle of the parking lots. I dropped my items in my rooms, and bounded back to get the red shirt. After dodging the traffic, the violence, the men stabbing men over a parking space on the top level, at the bottom of tri-lots in the middle of the intersection into the Wilson Trail Lot was my red shirt. To my horror, the cursed jack suspension Ram 1500 was plowing its way towards that shirt and damned if I were to let it be

trampled. I walked over and the truck politely stopped for me while I grabbed the shirt, I waved to the driver, who nodded back, both going our separate ways. The return trip was unbridled chaos. Trucks flying by, adrenaline rushing, babies, cats, dogs, men, women, Barack Obama and John McCain all fighting each other, barefisted, for their spot at the top of the parking food chain. A car driven by a girl with glasses I am not familiar with moves in front of me as I try to cross the road, almost crushing my toes in my steel-toed Keen's. I stumbled to the Whitehouse

Complex, finally in the clear of the traffic, safely home. The welcome sight of freshmen pissing in the bushes and boys gathered around rusty metal fire pits brought a smile to my face. Scott Teachey, like a low-quality home video of Bigfoot, wanders across my field of vision, in oddly the same direction of the girl's car. I am home, carrying a sweaty t-shirt, sick as a dog, tired, exhausted, ready to go to bed. I had conquered the Hampden-Sydney Parking Lot for the day, but the war continues.

AHS, CONT'D

Criminal Organizations (TCO's), alongside their subsection of criminal regimes, and of their dangers to National Security. He began by evaluating the state of Mexico. "Mexico is in a very bad spot," said Dr. Berg, "... In 2013 there were 18 well-articulated criminal organizations in Mexico. In 2020, there were over 200."

Per Dr. Berg, Mexico has taken an inefficacious stance in terms of mitigating their crime problem. Quoting the current Mexican President, Dr. Berg summarized the Mexican strategy as "Hugs not bullets". This strategy seems to forsake any intention of fighting the criminal organizations of Mexico—reminiscent of the pre-WWII policy of appeasement, which notably ended poorly, the Mexican government has been ceding territory to criminal organizations, to the point that an estimated 40% of Mexican territory is controlled by criminals as of 2020. "Mexico is near failed-state level, when it comes to territory control,"

warns Dr. Berg. Brazil and Colombia have struggled to contain their criminal organizations—Brazil's are run from inside of its prison network, and Colombia managed to quell one of its groups by making it into a political party and giving it a legislative voice, yet dissidents and other rebels remain.

But the dynamics of Trans-National Crime seem far off from American issues. The happenings inside of Mexico, Brazil, and Colombia, even places like El Salvador or Venezuela, appear self-contained. Despite this illusion of containment, they have their effect on American safety. First and foremost, narcotics from these criminal organizations inevitably make their way onto U.S. soil, and this is especially problematic due to the other topical problem of fentanyl. "Hundreds of thousands of Americans die every year," says Dr. Berg, and that's tied to the influx of Central and South American narcotics alongside the profusion of fentanyl in Ameri-

can cities. "There's going to have to be a different approach to drugs in the country," he added. States with criminal regimes are leaning towards help from China, too, building a bigger geopolitical nemesis for the U.S. Furthermore, TCO's are closer than it might seem—one of their favorite money-laundering spots is the Florida real estate market. On top of this, smugglers are becoming more and more crafty and erratic, even beginning to smuggle exotic animals across the border—and we don't quite know why yet.

Now that the threat is established, Dr. Berg wants to get around to addressing it. "There's a lot of stuff we can do here at home," said Berg, as he began to conclude his talk. From different stance on drugs to beneficial ownership laws to the continued study of Trans-National Crime in the Americas, Dr. Ryan Berg and CSIS will continue to work against this wave of illicit activity and for the good of the United States.

RAFT DEBATE, CONT'D

fessor Carilli cited his experience with economics, the "prophylactic against popular fallacies" in constructing his argument against his three competitors. He emphasized how reliance on experts can lead to huge changes and limitation of personal freedom, which is maximized in this situation only when none of the competitors were chosen. The study of the field of economics leads Dr. Carilli to believe that the choices of the group before him will lead to order, and that they need not have order imposed on them by one of the other three speakers. He drew on the lessons he espouses in his Economics 101 class, such as the argument that no one person knows how to make a pencil and yet, the pencil gets made through decisions made by hundreds of other people. In this same way, no one person knows what ethics will need to be developed or emphasized in space, no one person knows what sciences will be needed, nor will they truly know how best to instruct them. Dr. Carilli's speech was markedly shorter

than his competitors, but it reached its point much quicker as well: the students are capable and don't need expert-dictators. After the speakers made their points, two minutes were provided to each speaker for rebuttal. This section of the debate, while moderated by Zach Mace, got slightly more chaotic than the section before it. Dr. Kikkert began to respond before silencing herself, walking to the piano, and playing a beautiful composition and emphasizing that she "wants us all to have a good time" on this voyage. Professor Tims emphasized the need for experts, scientists and those who possess knowledge to foment the process of growth and self-discovery. He argued that there is a need for someone to transfer scientific knowledge and aid in the development of that knowledge. Ms. Carter started out strongly with a declaration that "By the time Professor Tims teaches his science, you will have killed him". She commented on Dr. Kikkert's piano playing, saying that while it made

her feel nice, it is not what is needed to reform society. They needed, by her estimation, her jack-of-all-trades, master-of-one experience. Finally, Carilli began again to cite economic principles. When the passengers on the spaceship find out what they are good at, they will divide their labor and do the tasks before them in an orderly manner. Carilli rebutted a large portion of the arguments made by his peers with a simple quote: "Science is the belief in the ignorance of experts". His final suggestion, at the end of his rebuttal period, was to take the piano that Dr. Kikkert played so beautifully.

The winner of the debate was chosen via decibel rating within the room, with Sue Carter taking first place, followed by Professor Tims, Dr. Kikkert, and finally Dr. Carilli. The Raft Debate is a fun tradition at Hampden-Sydney, and one that will surely continue for many years to come, regardless of what form it may take.

CLE, CONT'D

to work with students specifically." She went on to state that "[the Hampden-Sydney Bar Association] comes to work with students and routinely comes back to work with students." Dr. McMillion echoed the importance of interacting with this group when he stated in an interview that "the CLE Conference gives students the best pre-law networking opportunity of the year" and that it is "the best opportunity for students to make initial contact with alumni attorneys, discuss their plans, get advice,

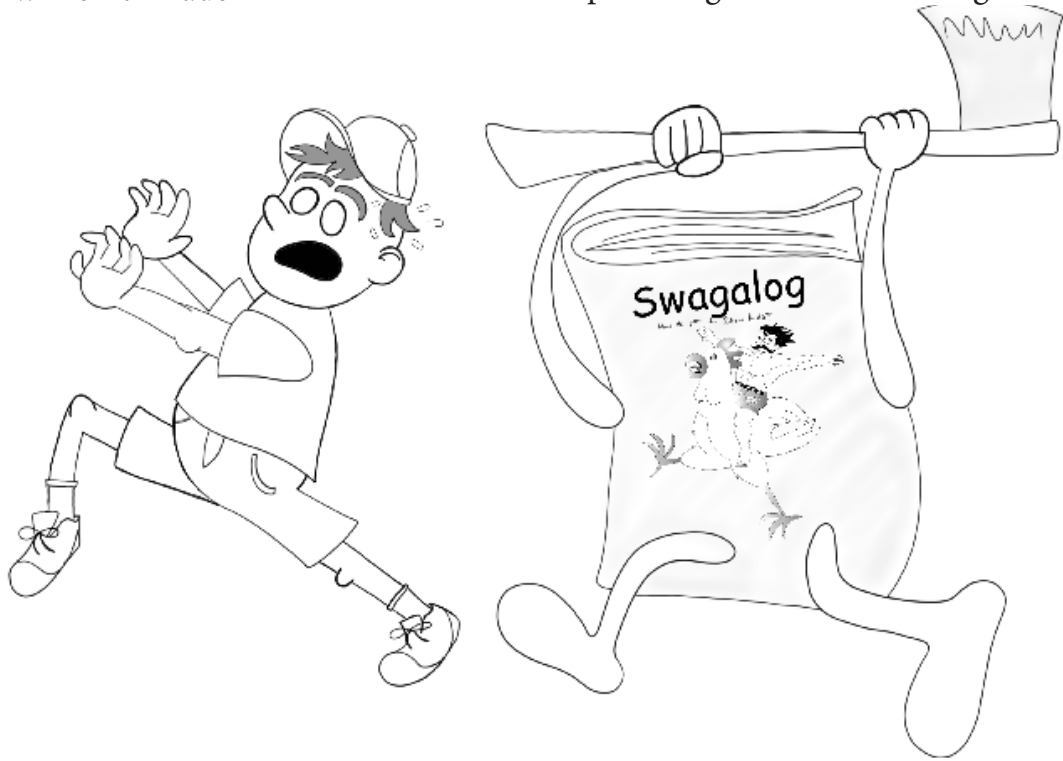
and network with an eye toward internships, law school, and a career." Indeed, the CLE Conference provides a great chance for those interested in a career in law to get a leg up and is a shining example of the strength of Hampden-Sydney's alumni network.

But this grand event does not magically appear; it is the result of the hard work of Hampden-Sydney's Alumni Association. According to Assistant Director Cheyne, the most challenging part of setting up the event was gathering all the

materials the event required and getting the event certified to provide continuing education. "We had to apply for CLE credit in several different states," Assistant Director Cheyne said in an interview. These states ranged from Pennsylvania to South Carolina all the way back to Virginia. All this investment paid big dividends for Hampden-Sydney this year. According to Assistant Director Cheyne, this year was "one of the best years yet" for the Conference, with more positive feedback coming from alumni than any other year in the Conference's history. Not only that, but several of the lawyers present indicated that they would bring their fellow Hampden-Sydney cohorts to next year's proceedings, building Assistant Director Cheyne's hope that the Conference will "continue to grow."

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